

WAC 296-52-64005 Responsibility to obtain a blaster's license.

(1) No one may conduct a blasting operation without a valid blaster's license issued by the department.

Note: A blaster's license is not required for a "hand loader."

(2) **Blaster license classifications table.** The following information shows classifications for blasting licenses:

(a) **Classification list assignment.** Classification list assignment is determined by the use of single or multiple series charges; and the knowledge, training, and experience required to perform the type of blasting competently and safely.

(b) **Multiple list applications.** When an applicant wants to apply for multiple classifications and the classifications desired are from two or more classification table lists:

(i) All classifications must be requested on the application;

(ii) Qualifying documentation for all classifications being applied for must be included in the applicant's resume (WAC 296-52-64050, Applicant information). Training and experience may fulfill qualification requirements in multiple classifications.

(c) **Request classifications not lists.** Applicants must request specific classifications (not list designations) on their blaster application. Licenses are not issued or endorsed for Classification Table lists A, B, or C.

(d) **License additions.** To add a classification to an existing license, see WAC 296-52-64085, Changes to a blaster's license classification.

License Classifications Table					
LIST A		LIST B		LIST C	
AB	Aerial Blasting	DE	Demolition	BT	Bomb Technician*
AG	Agriculture	SB	Surface Blasting*	UL	Unlimited*
AV	Avalanche Control	UB	Underground Blasting		
ED	Explosives Disposal*	UW	Underwater Blasting		
FO	Forestry*				
LE	Law Enforcement*				
IO	Industrial Ordnance				
SE	Seismographic				
TS	Transmission Systems				
WD	Well Drilling				

* Detailed classification information.

(e) **Aerial blasting.** Will require experience and passing aerial blasting test.

(f) **Bomb technician.** Disposal of bombs, illegal fireworks and explosive devices.

(g) **Explosives disposal.** Disposal of explosive materials by licensed blasters.

(h) **Forestry.** Includes logging, trail building, and tree topping.

(i) **Law enforcement.** Diversionary devices, explosive detection K-9 dog handlers, crowd control devices (stingers) requires taking a handlers test. Tactical entry (breaching) requires taking the tactical entry test.

(j) **Surface blasting.** Includes construction, quarries, and surface mining.

(k) **Unlimited.** Includes all classifications except underground blasting and law enforcement.

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